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SUBJECT: ANNOUNCEMENT OF WASHINGTON MEETING

THE FOLLOWING IS A DRAFT ANNOUNCEMENT WHICH THE NATO PRESS
OFFICE PLANS TO ISSUE ON APRIL 17, AS APPROVED BY THE
DEPARTMENT. BEGIN TEXT.

- BACKGROUND NOTE FOR THE PRESS
- MINISTERIAL MEETING OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL
- WASHINGTON, 30TH AND 31ST MAY, 1978

DATE AND PLACE: THE SPRING MINISTERIAL MEETING OF THE
NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL, WITH THE PARTICIPATION OF HEADS
OF STATE AND OF GOVERNMENT, WILL BE HELD IN WASHINGTON
ON 30TH AND 31ST MAY, 1978, AT THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF
STATE.

A PRESS CENTER FOR ALL MEDIA WILL BE LOCATED IN THE SAME
BUILDING (23RD STREET ENTRANCE).

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ACCREDITATION: THROUGHOUT THE MEETING MEDIA REPRESENTA-
TIVES WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE PRESS AREA ONLY ON
PRESENTATION OF SPECIAL BADGES TO BE COLLECTED FROM THE
OFFICE OF PRESS RELATIONS OF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE,
WHICH WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL ACCREDITATIONS.
APPLICATIONS FOR ACCREDITATION MUST BE MADE IN ADVANCE OF
THE MEETING. MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES UNABLE TO SUBMIT SUCH

APPLICATIONS IN PERSON IN WASHINGTON BY 23RD MAY SHOULD PROCEED AS FOLLOWS, AS FAR IN ADVANCE OF THAT DATE AS POSSIBLE.

1. --FOR AMERICANS OR ANY OTHER NATIONALS RESIDENT IN THE UNITED STATES, BY DIRECT CONTACT WITH THE OFFICE OF PRESS RELATIONS, DEPARTMENT OF STATE, WASHINGTON;
2. --FOR CITIZENS OF A NATO MEMBER COUNTRY, RESIDENT ELSEWHERE THAN IN THE U.S., THROUGH THAT COUNTRY'S EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON;
3. --FOR JOURNALISTS FROM COUNTRIES OUTSIDE THE ALLIANCE, BY DIRECT CONTACT WITH THE OFFICE OF PRESS RELATIONS, DEPARTMENT OF STATE, WASHINGTON.

OPENING CEREMONY: THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE CONCERT HALL OF THE KENNEDY CENTER ON TUESDAY, MAY 30TH 1978, COMMENCING AT ADMISSION WILL BE BY NUMBERED INVITATION CARD ONLY.

PRESS CONFERENCE: DR. JOSEPH LUNS, SECRETARY GENERAL OF NATO AND CHAIRMAN OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL, WILL GIVE A PRESS CONFERENCE AT THE STATE DEPARTMENT ON 29TH MAY AT 5 P.M. ALL ACCREDITED REPRESENTATIVES OF PRESS, RADIO AND TELEVISION ARE CORDIALLY INVITED.
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HOTEL RESERVATIONS: JOURNALISTS ARE URGED TO MAKE THEIR OWN HOTEL RESERVATIONS AS RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE.

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COMMENT: TO KEEP QUESTIONS TO A MINIMUM, YOU MIGHT WISH TO CLARIFY THE FOLLOWING:

1. "ACCREDITATION:" WHETHER SPECIAL BADGES ARE TO BE OBTAINED THROUGH WRITING OR CALLING AT THE OPR, OR ONLY COLLECTED IN PERSON OR THROUGH A REPRESENTATIVE;
2. "OPENING CEREMONY:" HOW ONE OBTAINS AN INVITATION CARD;
3. "PRESS CONFERENCE:" THE ROOM FOR THE CONFERENCE; WHETHER "ACCREDITED" REPRESENTATIVES MEANS ONLY THOSE ACCREDITED TO THE MINISTERIAL. END COMMENT.

ACTION REQUESTED: APPROVAL BY APRIL 14. BENNETT

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